## Comprehensive Tolling Study Consultant Selection

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### **Comprehensive Tolling Study**

This study will move us toward a practical step-by-step tolling strategy for our state.

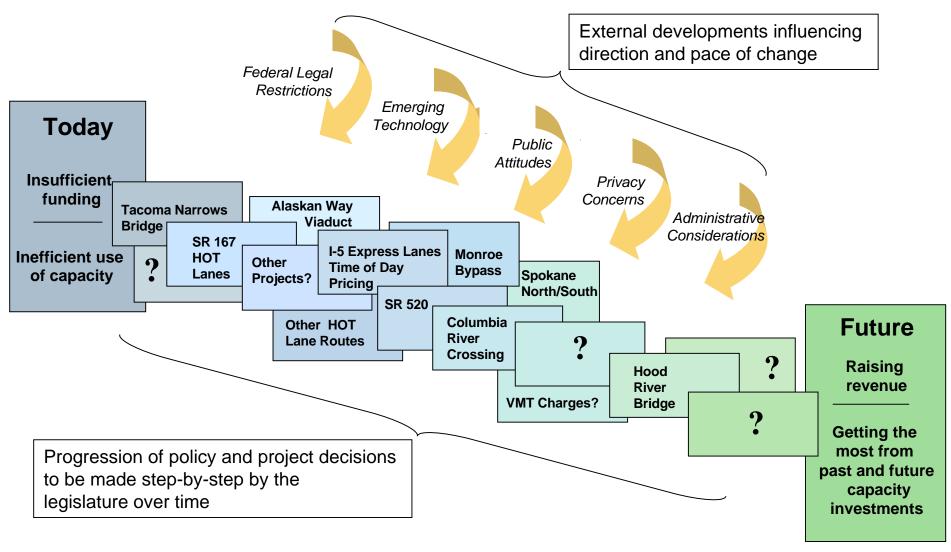
The results of the study will include reports on:

- ✓ Potential tolling opportunities in the near, mid, and long-term
- ✓ Traffic analysis how tolls will affect roadway use
- ✓ Fiscal analysis assessing fiscal opportunities and strategies
- ✓ Technology analysis technologies for facilities, vehicles and financial systems
- ✓ Assessment of social and environmental Impacts
- ✓ Legal and regulatory constraints
- ✓ Public attitudes including current experiences elsewhere in the country
- ✓ Administrative arrangements implementing and managing tolled facilities
- ✓ Project evaluation and selection how should projects be considered in a screening process

### **Comprehensive Tolling Study (cont)**

- ✓ The study will also provide an analysis of the following specific topics:
  - The toll system on the Tacoma Narrows Bridge, including a more uniform and equitable distribution of the financial impact on those paying tolls and explore options for reducing the outstanding debt on the bridge.
  - The use of value pricing by Regional Transportation Improvement Districts to pay for needed transportation facilities within the RTID boundaries.
  - The potential for tolling SR 704 (Cross Base Highway)

# The study's goal: "To create a process that facilitates the state's ability to make policy level decisions on if, where, when, and how to toll"



#### **Overview of Consultant Selection Process**

June 14: Scope of work discussion with Commission

June 28: Draft RFP approval by Commission

July 8: Request for Proposals (RFP) issued by WSDOT

July 28: Deadline for submittals: Three strong proposals were received

August 1: Commission Team reviews proposals

August 4: Technical Evaluation Team review and scoring of proposals

August 10: Interviews held & recommendation by Technical Evaluation Team

made to Commission Team.

August 16: Commission selects consultant

### **Recommendation:**

### Cambridge Systematics, Inc.

Post, Buckley, Schuh & Jernigan, Inc.

Mirai Transportation Planning & Engineering, Inc.

**IBI** Group

**Texas Transportation Institute** 

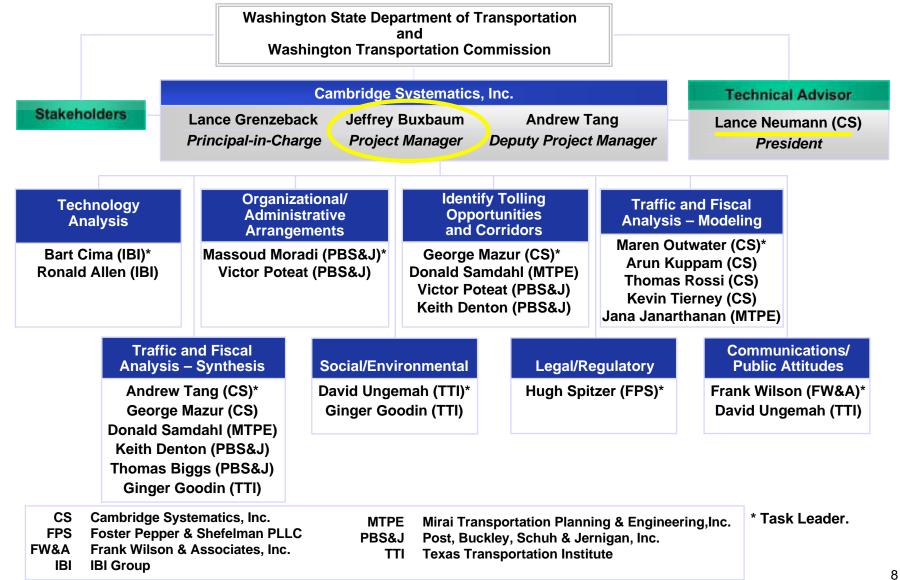
Frank Wilson & Associates, Inc.

Foster Pepper & Shefelman, PLLC

### Why the Cambridge Systematics' Team?

- Understanding of the Commission's intent
- Strong approach to the study, focus on delivery
- Dedicated Project Manager who recently completed a similar study and comes highly recommended from the state DOT
- Demonstrated the ability to listen and adapt, providing new ideas for changing demands
- Cohesive team with strong, mix of local and national talent
- Exceptional technical skills

### **Consultant Table of Organization**



#### **Team Roles**

### Cambridge Systematics

- Project management
- Travel forecasting
- Project/system evaluation
- Tacoma Narrows Bridge

### Post, Buckley, Schuh, & Jernigan

- Organizational and administrative arrangements
- Financial
- Cost estimation
- Project/system evaluation

### Mirai TransportationPlanning & Engineering

- Travel forecasting
- Project/system evaluation

### IBI Group

- Technology analysis
- Tacoma Narrows Bridge

### Texas Transportation Institute

- Social/environmental considerations
- Communications and public attitudes

#### Frank Wilson & Associates

- Communications
- Public Attitudes

### Foster Pepper & Shefelman

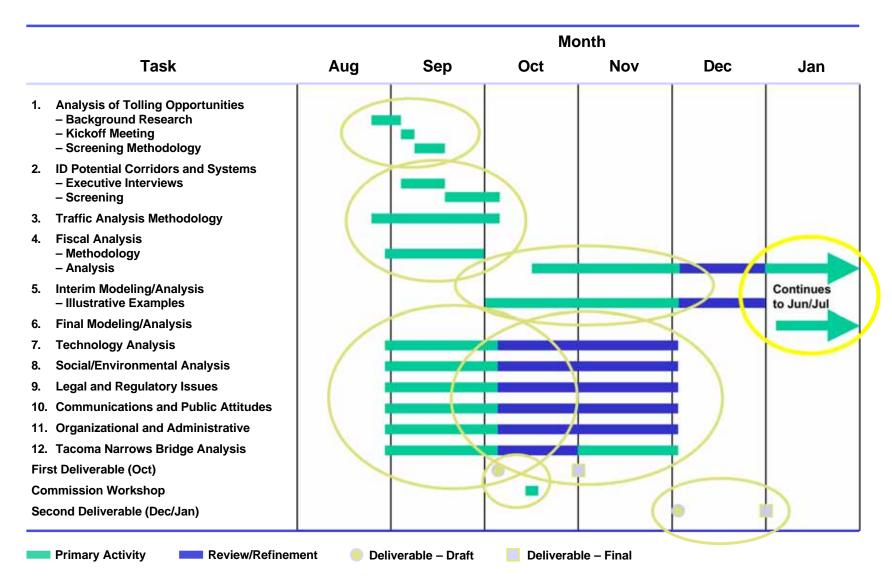
Legal and regulatory

### **Team Experience**

- MnPASS System Study
- Florida Strategic Intermodal System
- Toll feasibility studies planning and investment grade
- Funding and finance policy for FHWA and others
- Toll systems: WA, VA, CA, OR, E-ZPass, TX, FL, UK

- General engineering consultant in FL, TX, CA
- System feasibility and organizational studies – NC, PA, FL, TX
- Public relations for more than 15 toll agencies
- Research in social/equity issues and public relations related to pricing
- Advised WSDOT and others on tolling issues

### Getting It Done Schedule



### **Interagency Agreement**





### Interagency Agreement – WSTC & WSDOT

- WSTC shall retain responsibility for the study and shall have sole authority to make substantive decisions about the study, its direction, and its outcome.
- WSTC Administrator, on behalf of the WSTC, will oversee the execution and completion of this study as well as retain final approval for all contract payments.

Study Budget:	
Consultant Services	\$1,000,000
Public Outreach	\$200,000
Potential Add'l Work	\$125,000
AG Review	\$50,000
WSDOT	\$100,000
Commission	\$25,000
Total	\$1,500,000

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### **WSDOT Technical Manager**

- Work with the WSTC and its Administrator to achieve a successful study by managing the conduct of the study within the intent, scope, and direction set forth by the Commission
- Manage consultant activities in the conduct of the study, including day-to-day management of consultant performance and deliverables. The technical manager is the primary WSDOT point of contact for the consultant.
- Provide technical insight and expertise to the WSTC and the consultant
- Manage the provision of WSDOT technical service support to the study.